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PRISONERS OF WAR WERE INCARCERATED IN A PRISON CAVE COMPLEX NEAR BAN LONG KOU /UNLOCATED, POSSIBLY VH 2845/, 26 KILOMETERS EAST OF SAM NEUA /VH 8358/ IN HOUA PHAN PROVINCE. TWO OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS WERE A MAJOR AND A LIEUTENANT COLONEL WHO WERE SHOT DOWN WITH THEIR F105 JET NEAR BAN LONG KOU IN LATE MARCH OR EARLY MAY 1965. THE PLANE WAS PUT ON EXHIBITION AT LONG KOU. BY THE END OF 1965, FIVE OF THE AMERICAN PRISONERS HAD BEEN MOVED FROM THE LONG KOU COMPLEX TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN XIENG KHOUANG PROVINCE /FIELD COMMENT- THERE ARE CONFIRMED REPORTS OF PRISONS AT VH 8157 AND VH 8158 IN WHICH AMERICAN PILOTS, POSSIBLY SIX ARE INCARCERATED.

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